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Attention: Licensure Unit Director, Office of Social Services
Mississippi State Department of Human Services
Division of Family and Children's Services
Post Office Box 352
Jackson, MS 39205-0352

(MS Code §43-15-5(2) and §43-15-105 – Licensing Authority – See Appendix P)

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The following minimum material shall accompany the first application for a license:

1. A copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a copy of the Constitution and/or By-laws. Any agency or residential child care facility incorporated outside of the State of Mississippi shall secure authorization from the Secretary of State to do business in Mississippi.
2. A completed application form and a letter from the applicant's Board of Directors authorizing the applicant to sign the application
3. For-profit agencies must provide information on corporate structure, ownership and proprietary interest.
4. A copy of the zoning verification notice signed by the zoning administrator
5. A list of the names, addresses, occupations and term expiration of Board Members; and specify the officers of the Board of Directors
6. A statement of purpose which includes a description of the geographic area to be served, the types of children to be accepted for placement or care, the services to be provided and the program objectives
7. Verification of six (6) months capital revenue, which shall not include state funds
8. A copy of the current budget which shows both expected expenses and sources of income
9. A copy of policies regarding fees and charges for services
10. A copy of the staff organizational table including names of all employees currently holding those positions
11. A general description of each type of staff position proposed for the agency including qualification requirements

12. A copy of all policy, including but not limited to, the personnel policies and admission policies ~~regarding fees and charges for services.~~
13. A copy of the staff development and training plan that must comply with DFCS training requirements (See Section III. Personnel : Staff Development and In-Service Training)
14. Certification of occupancy requirements, elevator inspections, occupational safety and health administration codes and all other applicable safety codes
15. A copy of the plan for providing care and services
16. Copies of all forms used by the agency or residential child care agency such as application and placement agreement
17. Certificate of compliance with the civil rights laws ~~Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.~~
18. Most recent audit and IRS Form 990
19. A diagram of all structures of the facility showing square footage and designated use of each room and location(s) on campus/grounds of each structure, building codes, and evidence of compliance with applicable codes (Please see Appendix N – Checklist)
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